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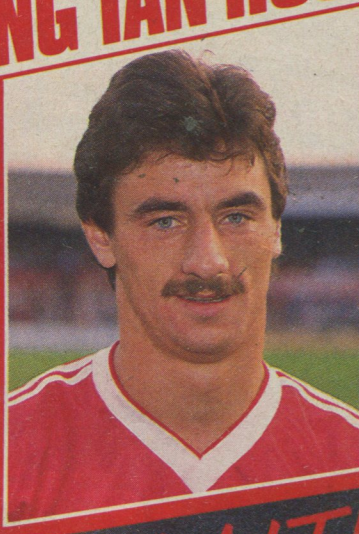
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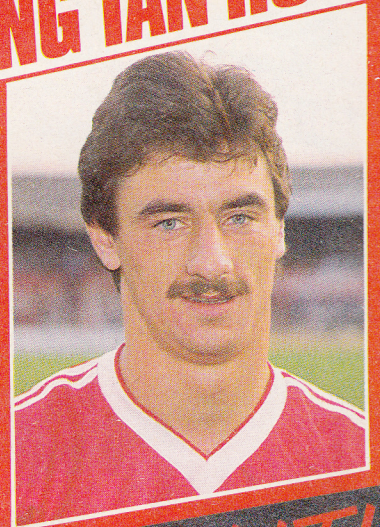
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SCOTLAND v SPAIN

A REAL crunch game and possibly the one which determines who wins Group Seven, which has only one guaranteed qualifier for the Finals. Some of Scotland's better players have suddenly realised that they've got to work harder at international level, and because of this new aggressive attitude I think they can beat Spain at Hampden.

Graeme Souness never reproduced his Liverpool form for his country. But since his transfer to Sampdoria he's going forward for Scotland in the same way as he does at club level.

Paul McStay is also going to have a big say in Scotland's World Cup chances. The lad's only 19, but as Jock Stein says he's going to be one of the all-time greats.

His second goal against Iceland was a real cracker and another one against the Spaniards certainly wouldn't go amiss.

DENMARK v REP. OF IRELAND

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Eoin Hand's men have never struggled to score goals and with men of the calibre of Brady, Stapleton and Robinson available will always cause problems.

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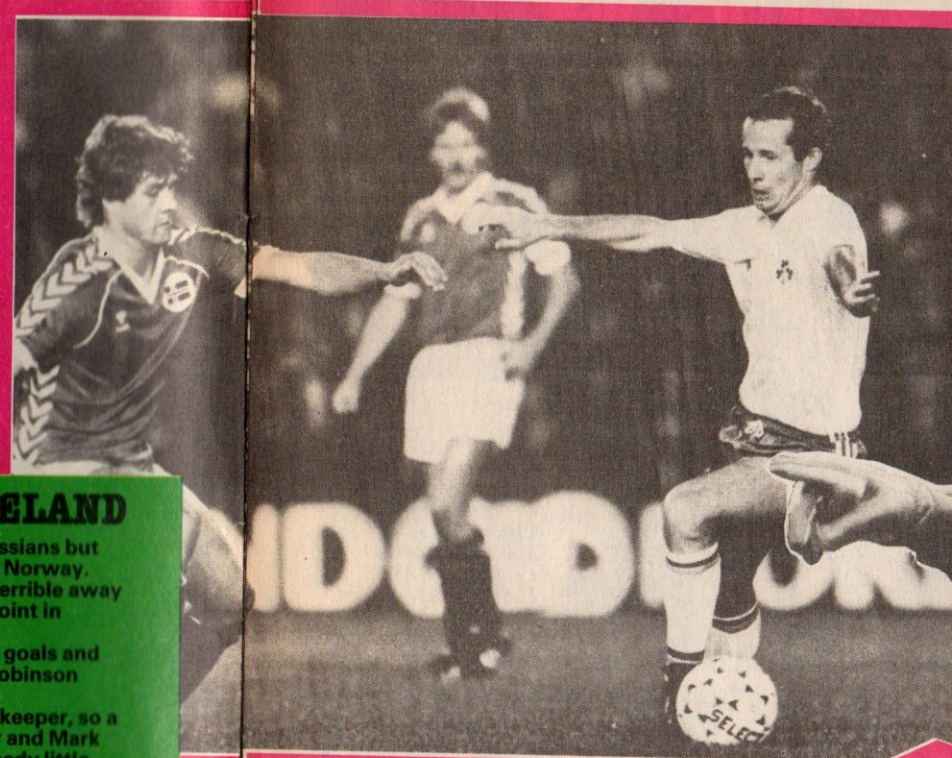
FOUR FROM FIVE FOR MEXICO!



With another round of World Cup qualifiers just around the corner, **JIMMY GREAVES** looks at the ties involving our four home nations and the Republic of Ireland. **SHOOT's** straight shooting star pulls no punches —



Graeme Souness (main picture) and Ian Stewart (right) can boost British hopes next week.



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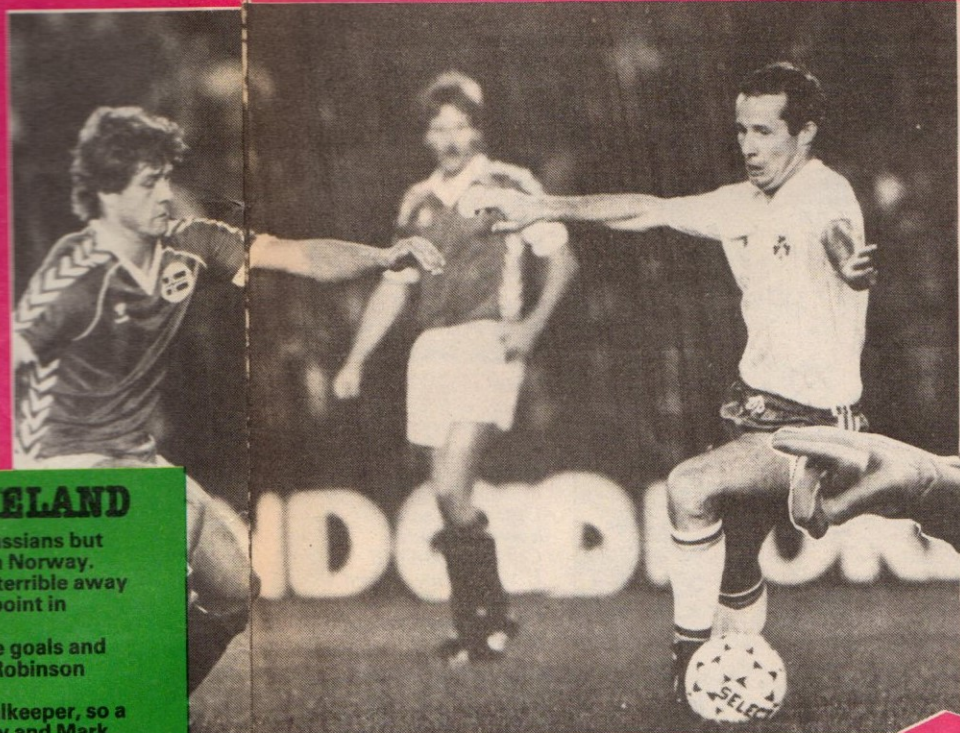
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Magpie Memories

1 YEAR AGO

A 3-0 VICTORY at Molineux pushes West Ham to second place behind Liverpool. It is Wolves' 16th League game in a row without a win. The only other away win in the top three divisions this Saturday is that of Oxford, who beat Port Vale 3-1 in Division Three. A crowd of more than 30,000 at Stamford Bridge see Chelsea beat Newcastle 4-0, including a couple of goals from David Speedie. Despite England's 4-0 midweek victory in Luxembourg, they go out of the European Championship when Denmark pull off a 2-0 win in Greece. Sheffield Wednesday transfer England Youth striker Tony Simmons to QPR for £50,000. In the Scottish Premier Division, Dundee get their first win (3-1) in seven League visits to Hearts.

5 YEARS AGO

TOP of the table Manchester United are beaten 2-0 by arch rivals Manchester City at Maine Road. Tony Henry and Michael Robinson are the scorers. Nottingham Forest suffer their biggest League defeat for nearly six years when they go down 4-1 at Southampton. This followed the strain of a midweek European Cup trip to Rumania in which Forest had won through to the Quarter-Finals. Lee Frost scores a hat-trick for Chelsea in a 7-3 Second Division win over Orient at Brisbane Road. In midweek, Bob Latchford also gets a hat-trick as Everton beat Leeds United 5-1 at Goodison. This was only a day after the Leeds board had given manager Jimmy Adamson two months to produce better results. Tony Woodcock is transferred from Nottingham Forest to Cologne for a fee of £650,000.

10 YEARS AGO

MANCHESTER CITY go top of the First Division when a goal by Rodney Marsh gives them a 1-0 victory over Stoke. Liverpool are surprisingly beaten 3-1 at home by Arsenal, who are near the foot of the table. Alan Ball scores two of the visitors' goals. Manchester United still lead the Second Division following what is only their second defeat of the season — going down 1-0 to Bristol City in front of a crowd of more than 28,000 at Ashton Gate. In the League Cup, Fourth Division Chester produce the shock result of the season by beating First Division Leeds 3-0. Terry McDermott joins Liverpool from Newcastle for a fee of £175,000.

IRWIN



What's new?
Mark Irwin
knows...

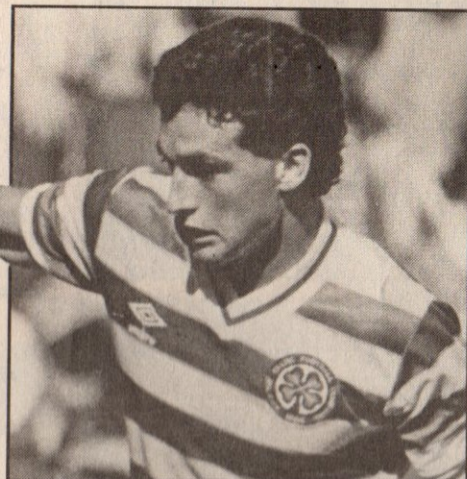
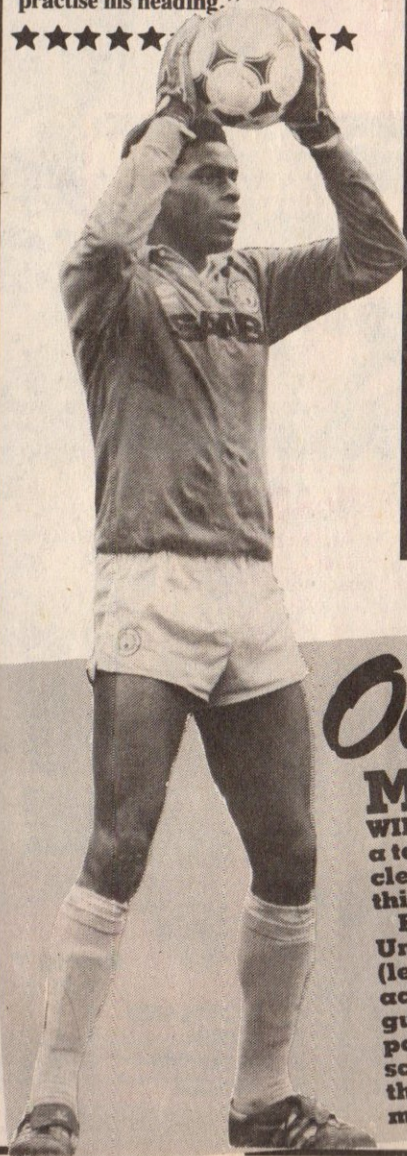
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SCOTLAND manager JOCK STEIN was overflowing in his praise of Celtic's PAUL McSTAY the other week when he said the 19-year-old midfield star (right) was "destined for greatness."

But it would seem that not everyone is quite so keen on the man valued at more than £1 million by his club.

Paul's 14-year-old brother Raymond, for instance, could never be accused of brotherly love. Claims McStay minor: "Paul is so hopeless in the air that I have to take him into the back garden to practise his heading."

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Spare a thought for Distillery full-back ANTON ROGAN, who was on the verge of signing for Celtic when he broke an ankle in an Ulster Cup match against Crusaders. Celtic boss DAVIE HAY has now shelved the signing until the talented teenager is back in action.

BUTCHER'S SHOCK MOVE

ENGLAND centre-half TERRY BUTCHER can't win a place at the centre of the Ipswich defence this season — and he doesn't mind!

Butcher has been moved to left-back to make way for 19-year-old IAN CRANSON and Ipswich boss BOBBY FERGUSON believes the change will make the 26 times capped star an even better player.

"Terry has got a tremendous left foot and a brilliant football brain," says Ferguson. "He's just as effective at left-back and it won't affect his international career because BOBBY ROBSON knows all about his ability."

"In fact, the move has improved Terry because he's already picked up an extra half yard's pace."

And of Under-21 star Cranson, Ferguson says: "I've no worries about this lad. He's one of the most naturally gifted defenders I've seen and is already one of the foundations of our team."

Over 18!

MANCHESTER City goalkeeper ALEX WILLIAMS has set himself a target of keeping 18 clean sheets in the League this season.

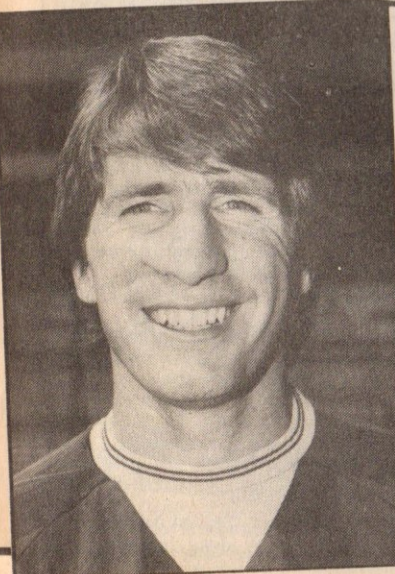
Explains the England Under-21 international (left): "If I can manage to achieve that total, it will guarantee City at least 18 points. If we manage to score just one goal in all those games, it would mean 54 points."

ONE IN TEN!

COVENTRY striker TERRY GIBSON is hoping he doesn't have one of those complaints even your best friend won't tell you about.

For in the past 14 months, Gibson has had **nine** different partners in the Coventry attack — DAVE BAMBER, NICKY PLATNAUER, DAVE BENNETT, TOMMY LANGLEY, MICK FERGUSON, BOB LATCHFORD, GRAHAM WITHEY, BRIAN KILCLINE and now CYRILLE REGIS.

Jokes Terry: "I'm hoping for a lasting relationship with Cyrille!"



IN last week's issue, Aston Villa's GORDON COWANS (left) claimed that MARK WALTERS was the man who most frequently won the yellow shirt — awarded to the worst player in training.

Not so. I have it on good authority that Villa's most popular man in yellow is a certain Gordon Cowans!



AT LARGE

LAZY McQUEEN!

I loved GORDON McQUEEN's comment after his first game of the season for Manchester United in the 5-1 thrashing of West Ham the other week.

"We got so slack in the last ten minutes that REMI MOSES stopped tackling my man and I even had to flick the ash off my own cigar," cracked the big Scotsman.



FORMER Kilmarnock striker EDDIE MORRISON has returned to Rugby Park as the club's new manager. He takes over from JIM CLUNIE, who resigned in September.

MIDDLESBROUGH defender MICK SAXBY is enjoying a new lease of life after a make-or-break knee operation.

The 27-year-old defender was ready to quit the game last year and had even discussed an insurance settlement.

"But then I thought of the prospect of going on the dole and gambled instead on a fourth operation on my knee. Luckily, it seems to have done the trick."

Billy's not so bold

Oxford's BILLY HAMILTON has backed out of a goal race with team-mate JOHN ALDRIDGE, the man accompanying him at the top of the Second Division goalscorer's chart.

Says Hamilton: "John is more of a natural scorer than me. If I had money on either of us, it would be on him."

YOU & ME

FROM THE EDITOR'S OFFICE

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Give Ian a chance!

I HOPE SHOOT can fix it for 18-year-old Ian Douglas, of 71 Moss Lane, Maghull, in Liverpool.

Ian is a goalkeeper who joined Fulham as an apprentice professional in 1982.

He signed full pro early this year and made several appearances in the reserve side.

Ian takes up the story: "Manager Ray Harford gave me a free transfer at the end of last season because I was too old for the youth team and there was no place for me in the reserves.

"I wrote over 50 letters to clubs asking for a trial. Eventually Watford manager Graham Taylor invited me to Vicarage Road.

"I played in the reserves, but when Watford signed Tony Coton they couldn't offer me terms.

"I then spent a month at Blackburn and played in the reserves. Although all the managers I was with were impressed, none could offer me a contract."

Now Ian is on the dole and desperate to find a club that will give him the chance to break into full-time football.

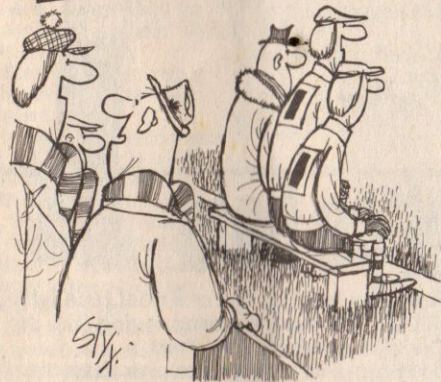
"SHOOT is my last hope," he writes. "I know most of the managers and coaches read your magazine so please help.

"Ray Harford, Graham Taylor and Bobby Saxton of Blackburn would give references if required."

I've made some inquiries and have been told Ian is a 'keeper with great potential. Unfortunately, those clubs he's played for haven't got the resources to take on more players than they need.

Come on you managers... why not give Ian a chance? What have you got to lose?

You never know. He could be another Neville Southall, who was once playing in non-League obscurity with Winsford.



"Looks like we're in for another season of exciting football."

Shoot View...Shoot View...Shoot View...Shoot View...Shoot View

Wide open!

WHILE it's sad that the great Liverpool lie in an unaccustomed position in the middle of the table, it's refreshing to see clubs that were formerly the "supporting cast" of the First Division now jostling for the top of the bill spot.

We've heard so many people complain that the Anfield club's dominance over the past three seasons was bad for the game and to blame for the declining interest — and gates.

The evidence supplied this season certainly supports that view. Turnstiles have been clicking faster at First Division grounds as the Championship race

unfolds as the most open for years.

Even newly-promoted Sheffield Wednesday are in there with a chance against established First Division clubs such as Arsenal, Spurs, Everton and Manchester United.

And there's always the nagging feeling that Liverpool, with Ian Rush back from injury and regaining his deadly goal-touch, could stage a sensational comeback and hold on to that title trophy for a fourth successive time!

What a fascinating season it's turning out to be — a real turning point for the game we all love!

Write to SHOOT

MANY readers like Paul Kuly, of Tintern Avenue, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, want to know how they can get in touch with our Star Writers, Bryan Robson, Ian Rush and Charlie Nicholas.

I am afraid we cannot reveal private addresses, but if you send all letters c/o SHOOT I'll ensure they are forwarded to the players concerned.

Mystery man

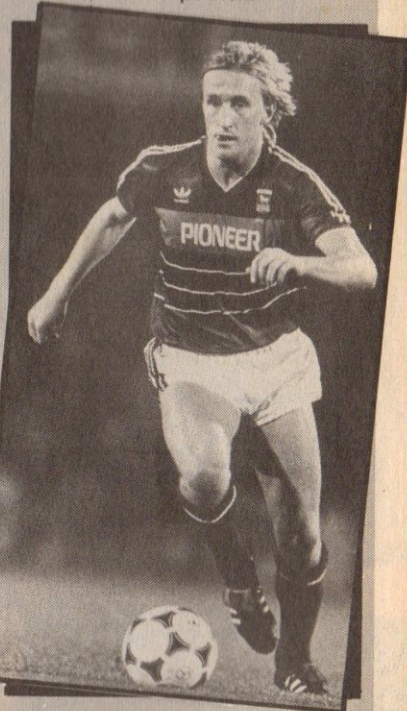
JIM HUGHES of Allenhill Park, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, in Northern Ireland, wants me to solve a mystery.

"In SHOOT issue dated 2nd June, 1984, you mentioned that a player who had been rejected by Charlton, shown the door at Fulham and kicked out by Spurs and is now a First Division star, would be featured in the next issue.

"Unfortunately I couldn't get that issue and have been intrigued ever since to discover who you were talking about.

"Can you put me out of my misery?"

Of course, Jim. The player concerned was Trevor Putney (below), now of Ipswich.



Welsh woe

MARK HOURIHAN, of The Square, Dinas Powys, South Glamorgan, a regular SHOOT reader, asks: "You don't publish much about Welsh clubs? Have you something against us?"

Certainly not, Mark. Quite simply, apart from Wrexham's magnificent performances in Europe, there's not been much to write about.

However, we do hope to feature a special spotlight on Wales in the near future.

● Don't miss Ian Rush's World Cup warning on pages 12 and 13.

WORLD CUP COUNTDOWN



MEXICO 86

FORWARD WITH ENGLAND

DOSSIER No.2

ENGLAND launched their World Cup campaign in sensational style. A 5-0 thrashing of Finland was a dream start for Bobby Robson's men.

Now, the action switches from Wembley to Istanbul, where England play Turkey on 14th November.

SHOOT has promised to support England all the way to Mexico. Dossier No. 1 was a huge success.

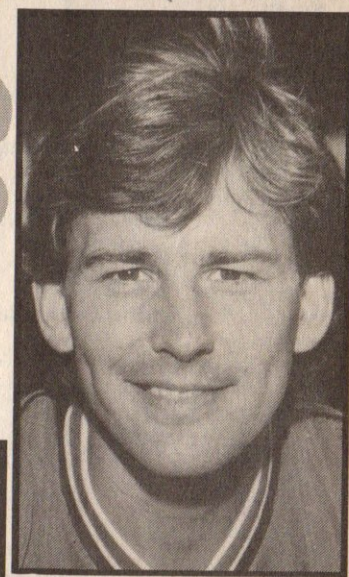
We proudly present Dossier No. 2, which brings you the latest opinion from the England camp, a special report on Turkey, colour pictures of the England heroes and all the facts to make SHOOT readers the best informed football followers in Europe...

5 PAGE SPECIAL

WINNERS

That's us!

Star Writer
Bryan Robson



ENGLAND teams have been labelled "winners" in the past only to disappoint their supporters in the next game with a poor performance.

Remember that 0-0 draw with Northern Ireland in Belfast last year? Our fans were not happy with that, but a few days later we really gave them something to cheer when we beat Scotland 2-0 at Wembley. Poor one moment, good the next.

The England team that narrowly beat East Germany — a better performance than we received credit for — and thrashed Finland has the makings of turning into a World Cup winning outfit.

It's beginning to look settled, more like a club side, with seven or eight positions more or less sorted out.

What I mean is you wouldn't expect to see an England team

without Peter Shilton, Kenny Sansom, Terry Butcher, Ray Wilkins, Tony Woodcock, John Barnes, me and maybe Mark Hateley, now that he has proved his worth as a goalscorer.

If I'm a bit cautious about Mark, it's only that I don't want to build him up like some people have been in the past few weeks.

Favourite

I'm not writing off Paul Mariner. He might not be every fan's favourite England player but the team rate him.

I'll be honest. I hope Mark Hateley makes the grade. That being so, Paul Mariner will make a great back-up for Mark.

This game against Turkey is crucial to us. If we can get our away record going in Istanbul before that

hostile bunch of fans, we should go all the way to Mexico.

I'm confident we can get a result out there whatever the reception. Remember how well we played in Greece just after Bobby Robson took over. Tony Woodcock hammered two goals and Sammy Lee scored his first for England.

Most of the England team have enjoyed the experience of playing in front of fiercely patriotic fans hundreds of miles from home.

They won't intimidate me even if they do resort to hurling oranges. I like Jaffas!

This is the best England team I've captained, good enough to go all the way to Mexico.

Bryan Robson



Ray Wilkins tries a flying header against Finland. Better luck against Turkey, Ray!

SPOTLIGHT ON TURKEY

JUPP Derwall, mastermind behind West Germany's success in recent years, has been drafted in by Turkey to outwit England's manager Bobby Robson. Turkey's national manager Condan Tarhan says: "There is no better man in Europe than Derwall to give us a chance of qualifying for the World Cup."

"We will be on course if we can get a result against England in Istanbul."

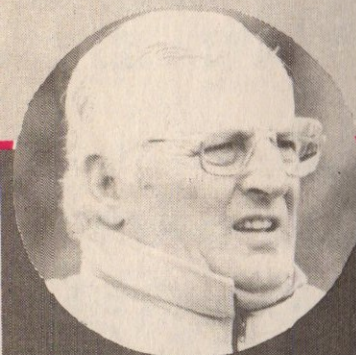
Both Tarhan and Derwall are impressed with the England team Robson has built.

Dangerman Derwall

After watching them beat Finland at Wembley, Tarhan said: "England were so perfect, so overwhelming that we could not see the Finns at all."

Derwall was even more enthusiastic: "England are much more dynamic than in the 1982 World Cup Finals."

"The difference is Hateley, along with the improvement in Wilkins."



FORWARD WITH ENGLAND

DOSSIER No.2

But what of Turkey? Who are the players most likely to trouble Bobby Robson's men?

Turkey, who have been playing international football for more than 60 years, have gone through big changes in the past year.

The main threat to England could be provided by the striking duo of Ilyas and Selcuk, who both play for the Fenerbahce club in Istanbul.

Selcuk is a tricky winger who notched two goals in Turkey's fine 3-1 win over Austria a year ago, and he also scored the goal that beat the Irish in Ankara.

The Turkish defence appears less threatening on paper, especially since two former captains have recently fallen out of favour.

Northern Ireland had a tough time against the Turks in 1983.



England face missile attack

ENGLAND will have to cope with far more than the 11 opposition players in Istanbul.

Former Wales captain Terry Yorath played in Turkey twice during the lead-up to the 1982 World Cup.

"As we ran on to the pitch, we were pelted with oranges and the hostility continued for most of the match, both on and off the field. It's no place for the faint-hearted."

Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings backs up Yorath's claims: "The crowd was incredibly partisan, and made a tremendous racket."

There are other aspects of visiting Turkey which could come as a shock to England. Anybody hoping to pop out of the hotel, for a quiet evening stroll, for example, could be disappointed, according to Yorath.

"When we played there, we had to have an armed guard if we left the hotel."

SUPERSANSOM

'KENNY IS WORLD CLASS'

ENGLAND's Kenny Sansom has emerged as a full-back of world class talent this season.

The 26-year-old Arsenal defender has fulfilled all the massive potential he was said to have when he joined Arsenal

Results and Fixtures Group 3

England, Northern Ireland, Rumania, Turkey, Finland.

27.5.84	Finland v Northern Ireland	1-0
12.9.84	Northern Ireland v Rumania	3-2
17.10.84	ENGLAND v Finland	5-0
31.10.84	Turkey v Finland	
14.11.84	Northern Ireland v Finland	
14.11.84	Turkey v ENGLAND	
27.2.85	Northern Ireland v ENGLAND	
3.4.85	Rumania v Turkey	
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22.5.85	Finland v ENGLAND	
6.6.85	Finland v Rumania	
28.8.85	Rumania v Finland	
11.9.85	Turkey v Northern Ireland	
11.9.85	ENGLAND v Rumania	
25.9.85	Finland v Turkey	
16.10.85	Rumania v Northern Ireland	
16.10.85	ENGLAND v Turkey	
13.11.85	ENGLAND v Northern Ireland	
14.11.85	Turkey v Rumania	
Winner and runner-up qualify		

ENGLAND

under Bobby Robson

Date	Venue	Opponents	Result	Comp	Scorers
22.09.82	A	Denmark	D2-2	EC	Francis 2
13.10.82	H	W. Germany	L1-2	F	Woodcock
17.11.82	A	Greece	W3-0	EC	Woodcock 2, Lee
15.12.82	H	Luxembourg	W9-0	EC	Blissett 3, Neal, Woodcock, Coppell, Chamberlain, Hoddle, Moes o.g., Neal pen., Butcher
23.02.83	H	Wales	W2-1	HI	Neal pen., Butcher
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Results and Fixtures Group 3

England, Northern Ireland, Rumania, Turkey, Finland.

27.5.84	Finland v Northern Ireland	1-0
12.9.84	Northern Ireland v Rumania	3-2
17.10.84	ENGLAND v Finland	5-0
31.10.84	Turkey v Finland	
14.11.84	Northern Ireland v Finland	
14.11.84	Turkey v ENGLAND	
27.2.85	Northern Ireland v ENGLAND	
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E NGLAND's need for a goalscorer was mentioned by Bobby Robson before the Finland game. "If there was one in the country, proven at the highest level, I would pick him ... but where is he?" asked Robson.

RIGHT HERE, BOBBY

... And set to roast Turkey!



N OT since the little emperor Kevin Keegan arrived in a blaze of glory a decade ago has an England forward made more impact than Mark Hateley.

And this week alarm bells are ringing all over Turkey as their national side wonder how best to subdue the menace of England's new goalscoring discovery in next week's World Cup Group Three match.

Two goals against Finland and one against Brazil in six England appearances — two as substitute — have made the 22-year-old Hateley one of Europe's most dangerous spearheads.

His livewire all-action style brought him four goals in five League matches for AC Milan before the Finland game and his two-goal performance at Wembley against the poor Finns confirmed that he should become a permanent replacement for the 31-year-old Paul Mariner and go on to steer England to the World Cup Finals in Mexico.

● **Hateley family pedigree:** Mark was sold to AC Milan for £915,000 in the summer. He scored 25 goals in 93 League games for Coventry and 22 in 38 for Portsmouth. His father, Tony, scored 211 goals in 430 League matches for seven clubs, but he never played for England.

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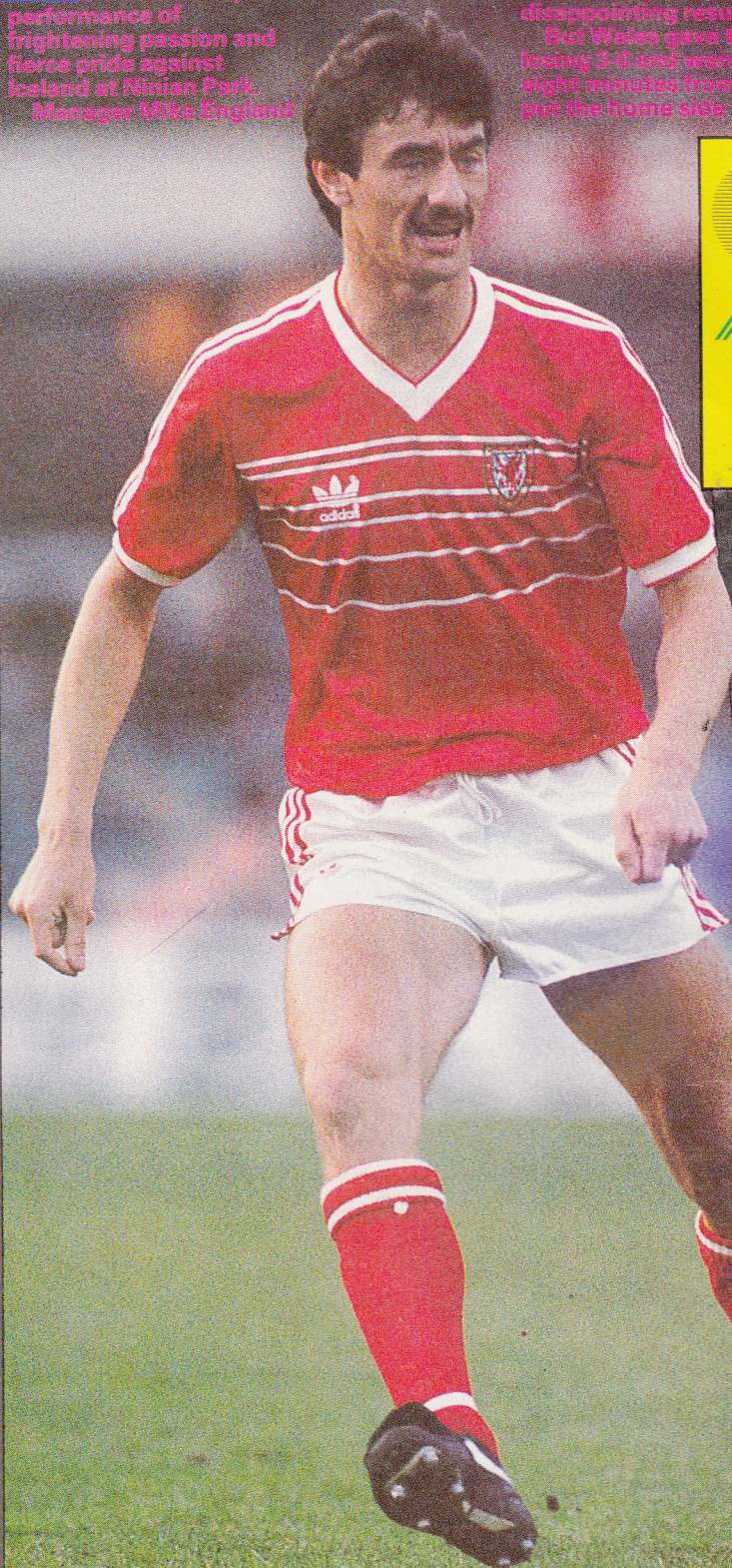
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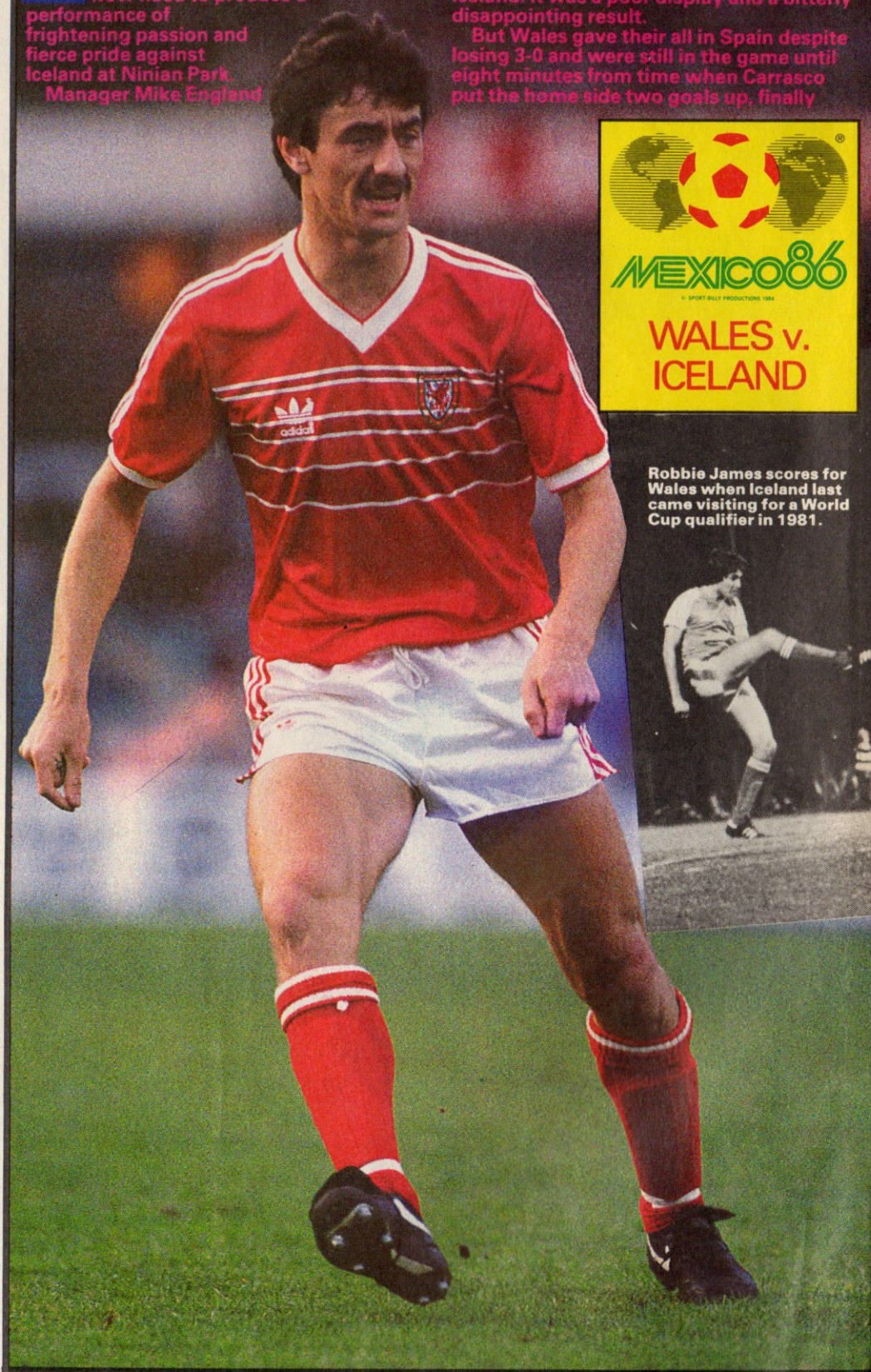
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Beware!

The cornered dragon

overcoming a dazzling display of goalkeeping by Neville Southall.

It's up to us now to ensure that Neville is the least busy member of the Wales team when we play our first home World Cup tie in Group Seven.

Yes, it's looking bleak at the moment. But let's look closer at our section.

Scotland and Spain will damage each other's chances in their two games, both have yet to play in unpredictable Iceland ... and, beginning with Iceland, all three have to come into the dragon's back yard.

That's our chance to fan the embers and get our World Cup hopes on the move again. We have to beat Iceland and beat them convincingly because this group could go so close as goal difference.

I desperately want to get in on the action after missing our first two games. I'm not saying that my presence would have altered the results, but on the other

hand, goals are my business and there's certainly nothing wrong with Wales' approach work.

I want to add to the seven goals I've scored in 20 games for my country and I hope I can start against Iceland!

I believe we can bury Iceland, shake off our nightmare start and plan for our trip to Hampden Park in March next year so that we go looking to make it four points from four games ... three of those games having been away from home.

Now that would be a very different situation, wouldn't it?



SOUTHALL'S DREAD

After the terrifying hell of Seville, Neville Southall will welcome the good, old fashioned raw passion of Welsh voices, raised in support of their nation, when Iceland come to Cardiff on Wednesday.

Everton's goalkeeper, man-of-the-match when Wales lost 3-0 in Spain, will again wear the number one shirt when Mike England's side attempt to lever their backs away from the World Cup wall.

But he is confident that Wales can achieve their first win in their group and convinced that nothing can ever again unsettle him during a game.

"It was frightening in Spain," he recalled: "Fans threw a whisky bottle, coins, cans and oranges at me. I told the referee but he just told me to get on with the game!"

"That's the way things are for 'keepers these days, but I'm afraid one of us is going to lose an eye unless something is done to protect us from such mindless violence."

"Mind you, I kept my mind on the game and thought we were capable of snatching a draw until they scored their second goal near the end. I look forward to playing in front of Welsh fans again — people who know how to be passionate without being spiteful."



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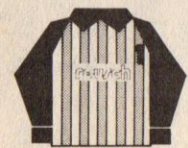
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WAKY, WAKY

A photographer was covering a recent Port Vale home game, sitting on the touch-line nursing his camera.

The match wasn't exactly exciting and he was feeling rather tired.

His eyes closed and he fell asleep. Next thing he knew a hand was shaking his shoulder.

It was the ref, "Wake up, lad," said the man in black. "I've just awarded Port Vale a penalty at the other end. You won't want to miss it!"

Loud Mouth



Pick of the postbag

Two players talking after a meeting with the manager.

"I asked him to pay me what I'm worth ... and he said he wouldn't expect me to play for nothing."

Sent in by Tracey Bunce, Kimberworth, South Yorkshire.

Which English goalkeeper has the longest kick in football? Gary Bailey of Manchester United because with one kick he can reach Brazil. (Alan, that is!)

Sent in by Paul Turvey, Hinton-in-the-Hedges, Northants.

Tracey and Paul win SHOOT T-shirts. Please state T-shirt size (small, medium or large) when sending in your jokes.

Mixed-up Phil

PHIL PARKES, the giant West Ham 'keeper, tells a funny story about himself.

"I was 19 and playing for Walsall at the time," says Phil.
"I was on holiday in Weymouth with my wife Lavinia when I received a telegram from the club asking me to contact them as Queens Park Rangers were interested in buying me.
"I made my way to the nearest phone and explained to the Walsall manager that I didn't want to play in Scotland!
"He quickly explained that it was the London club QPR who wanted me and not the Scottish team Queens Park.
"My wife and I had a good laugh about that."

LIVERPOOL manager Joe Fagan had a ready answer when asked what it was like to handle a team of internationals.
"Oh, everyone's got a cap these days. Even me — a cloth one," he replied.

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Shoot! FAN of the WEEK

Despite life on the dole, Mick Crooks is determined to see Sheffield United at any cost.

Out of work Mick hitch-hikes all over the country to see The Blades. He's seen United on 90 of the 92 League grounds — Newport and Swansea are the exceptions.

His cousin Paul Crooks is amazed at his dedication to his team.

"I can't believe Mick is prepared to get up at four o'clock in the morning to thumb a lift from his

Rough rider

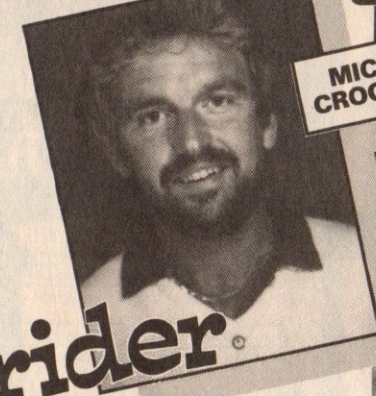
home in Nottingham to see Sheffield United play at Carlisle, which he has done this season.

"Mick's home is a shrine to the Bramall Lane club. He's even named it 'The Blades'.

"But the thing that sets him above other supporters is the fact that win, draw or lose he always comes home with a broad smile on his face.

"He enjoys football so much and that is reflected in his expressions.

"Even when United were having their bad times in the Fourth Division, Mick still followed them and gave 100 per cent loyalty.



MICK CROOKS

United's Colin Morris (stripes) seen here in action against Crystal Palace.



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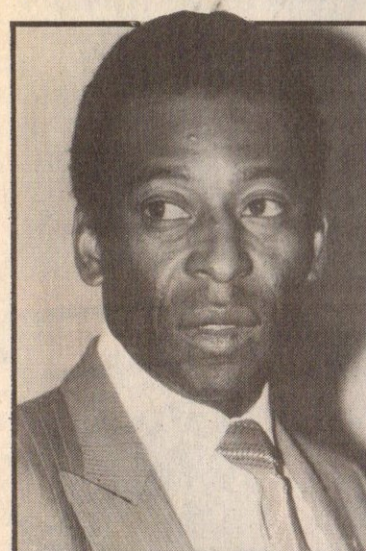
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Despite life on the dole, Mick Crooks is determined to see Sheffield United at any cost.

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"I can't believe Mick is prepared to get up at four o'clock in the morning to thumb a lift from his

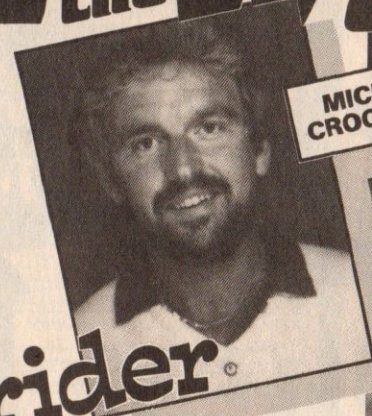
Rough rider

me in Nottingham to see Sheffield United play at Carlisle, which he has done this season.

"Mick's home is a shrine to the small League club. He's even named it 'The Blades'.

"But the thing that sets him above other supporters is the fact that win, draw or lose he always comes home with a broad smile on his face.

"He enjoys football so much and it is reflected in his expressions. Even when United were having their bad times in the Fourth Division, Mick still followed them and gave 100 per cent loyalty.



MICK CROOKS

United's Colin Morris (stripes) seen here in action against Crystal Palace.



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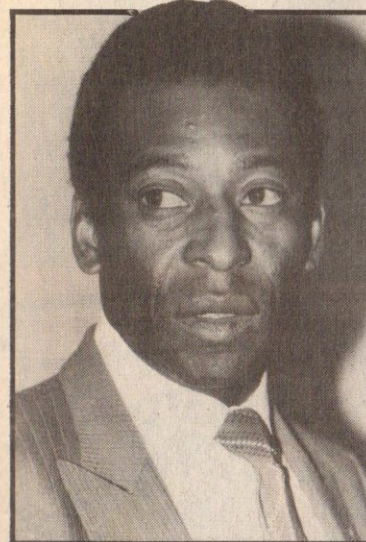
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CEREZO Capers

CEREZO'S first goal for Roma, against Como, excited the Brazilian international (right) so much that he forgot all about UEFA's new ruling and set off doing handstands along the stadium's running track.

But the dour mandarins of UEFA dislike people who display emotion these days and the disappointed Cerezo's reward for celebrating with the fans was a booking!

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Strikers—we're best!

NOW that I have ceased to be the physio's best customer after all my injury problems in the past two seasons, one of the things I've noticed is the high number of promising strikers in the Premier Division.

One of the main topics of conversation in the Ibrox dressing-room just now concerns our 'Old Firm' rivals Celtic. We think they've got a problem up front — not in scoring goals, but in deciding who to leave out!

Now they have signed Maurice Johnston from Watford for £400,000, one wonders who will prove his best striking partner.

Frank McGarvey and Brian McClair were both doing superbly at the time of Johnston's arrival and I couldn't see how they could drop either to make way for him. And Celtic also have young Alan McInally challenging for a regular place.

I played against Johnston when he was at Partick and he struck me as a good player then. It will certainly be interesting to see how he has developed in England.

Until Johnston re-adjusts to the Scottish game, however, I'll refuse to concede that he has the edge over some of the finishing talent available at Ibrox.

Ally McCoist has learned a lot from his unhappy spell in England and turned in some

superb performances this season, while Iain Ferguson, despite not scoring as many goals as he would have liked, has convinced us all that they will not be long in coming.

But Iain really came good with the only goal of the game in the recent Skol Cup Final against Dundee United at Hampden Park.

That one will have done wonders for his confidence and I'm sure the former Dundee striker will now go from strength to strength.

It's just up to the rest of us to provide a few more chances, as well as stopping them going in at the other end!



Jock shrewd—not rude!

NOT many people would look upon Jock Wallace as a diplomat. People who don't know him often get the impression that he is a fire-breathing ogre who terrifies his players.

They couldn't be more wrong. I'm not for a minute suggesting that the boss is going soft (those legendary pre-season training stints on Gullane sands are still as tough as they have ever been), but one of the reasons for our good start to the season has been his careful handling of the players.

He very rarely says anything on the spur of the moment after we've had a bad result — he'll take the weekend to think it over and then gives us his views on the Monday morning. He's also got us extremely fit, which is possibly why we have won a number of games in the last few minutes.

He has certainly had a big influence on me. He's tried to get me to shout more on the field, and while it comes naturally now, at the time I

used to think he was picking on me when he yelled abuse in my direction from the other side of the training ground.

After a couple of rollickings from Jock Wallace, you tend to remember what he's said to you!

The curious feature of this season so far has been our amazing defensive record. We only conceded two goals in our first 11 Premier Division fixtures, despite the fact that all we practise in training are attacking moves.

Again the boss must take a lot of the credit. The last thing he wants us to do is to go out and play defensively, but he's got everyone working together, and expects forwards to come back and do their share of defending.

With any luck our forwards will start finding the net more often in the coming weeks, but nobody — no, not even Jock Wallace — is complaining as long as we don't lose.

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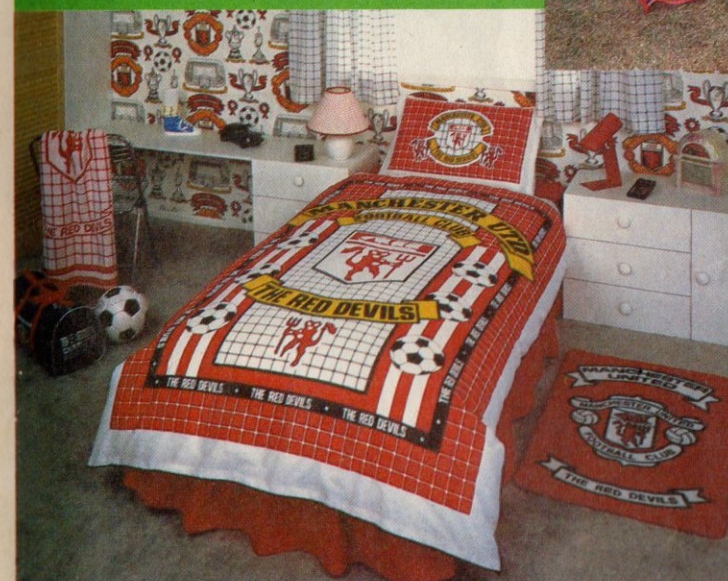


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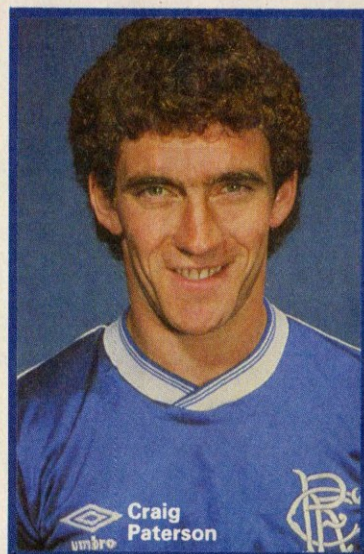
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FRONT ROW: Ian Redford, Ally Dawson, Iain Ferguson, Bobby Williamson, Davie Cooper, Alex Totten (coach), Jock Wallace (manager), John Hagart (reserve coach), Sandy Clark (now Hearts), Cammy Fraser, Ally McCoist, Bobby Russell, John MacDonald.



Craig Paterson

The Magnificent Seven

WE'VE got some real characters at Ibrox, seven in particular. I've had to be a bit careful about the nicknames I let out, though — the rest of the lads usually just call me "C.P." but that could change after they read this ...

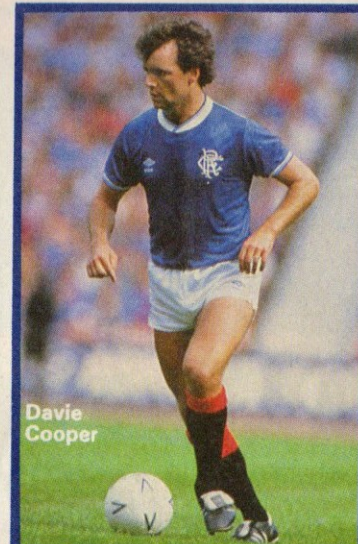
Peter McCloy:
 At 38, he's still in great form. His amazing fitness is an example to us all. Believe it or not he still hasn't got a proper nickname at the club.

John McClelland:
 Like all the Irish, he's got the gift of the gab. A great chatter in the dressing-room. Known simply as "Big John".

Ian Redford:
 Never stops running, so we call him "Ready".

Robert Prytz:
 Definitely the best-dressed member of the side — anyone wanting advice on fashion goes straight to Prytzie.

Iain Ferguson:
 Scored the winner against Dundee United in the Skol Cup Final and already a hit with the Ibrox fans.



Davie Cooper

Known as "Fergie" — not very original I know, but we're working on a replacement!

Ally McCoist:
 Life and soul of the dressing-room — if anything happens in the club he is usually at the bottom of it. In his role as team prankster he has been known to nail other players' boots to the floor. Future Rangers signings beware!

Davie Cooper:
 Unbelievable player who has been misunderstood in the past because of his reluctance to talk to the Press. "Coop", as we know him, is the quiet man of the side.

Star writer Paul McStay

Two goals against Iceland – but I'm not sure of a place!

I WILL believe I am playing against Spain at Hampden Park on Wednesday only when I see my name on the team-sheet!

People have been telling me I am a certainty to play after my two goals against Iceland last month, but I never take anything for granted.

Possibly the boss, Jock Stein, will want to change things around a bit. Anyway, there's so much competition for a midfield place that it would be foolish to expect to walk into this current Scotland team.

Take a look at the talented players who didn't play against Iceland. Gordon Strachan and John Wark sat it



out on the bench and Barcelona's Steve Archibald and SV Hamburg's Mark McGhee were in the stand.

We all know that the Spaniards have some high-quality players, but I'm sure Steve Archibald will be able to clue us up on most of them.

I prefer to talk about the Scottish players, the colleagues who have helped me so much since my international debut against Uruguay last year.

What can I say about skipper Graeme Souness that hasn't already been said? He was outstanding against Iceland, continually driving us forward and hitting passes that defy description.

Kenny Dalglish (left) and Charlie Nicholas (right) will both have a big part to play against the Spaniards.



SPECTACULAR SELL-OUT



'HE'LL MURDER ANY SIDE'

RAFAEL GORDILLO

MIGUEL Munoz's Spanish terriers travel to Hampden determined to snap at Scottish heels, bite hard on the break and claw at least a draw from the Group Seven crunch game.

Key man is goalkeeper Luis Arconada, measuring up for his 64th cap. "He's a bit special," mused Terry Venables after an incredible reflex save during Barcelona's draw with Real Sociedad: "He only looked hesitant against crosses driven along the six-yard line. A great 'keeper'."

'Butcher of Bilbao' Andoni Goicoechea may grab the headlines, but the key performer in the Spanish defence is Gijon sweeper Antonio Maceda.

"Easily the most complete defender in Spain," says Mallorca striker Gerry Armstrong: "Through being tall, blond and unbeatable in the air he's nicknamed 'El Ingles' — and there's nothing he'd like better than to beat the Scots at Hampden."

Rafael Gordillo runs the show in Spain's midfield. The 27-year-old Footballer of the Year is undisputed idol of Seville and has been valued at £2.5 million. "He'll murder any side, if he's allowed to run the left touchline and get in those curling left-foot crosses. He's simply brilliant," says Armstrong.

And watch out for 21-year-old Emilio Butragueno — the Mark Hateley of Spanish soccer who's been rushed into the national side after just 15 games with Real Madrid.

Nicknamed 'The Vulture', he not only devours anything that goes begging, but also sets up chances for fellow strikers — either Carrasco or Gordillo's Betis team-mate 'Poli' Rincon.



Kenny Dalglish was magic, too. He played for one hour and was outstanding. Mr Stein had pre-arranged for Kenny to play for 60 minutes and then be replaced by Charlie Nicholas. It worked perfectly.

Charlie — now known as Tail-end Charlie by his Scottish team-mates — came on and scored a fine third goal.

And what about my first two goals for the senior side? Great credit must go to Rangers winger Davie Cooper for the opening effort.

He made the running down the left, sent over a magnificent cross and I only had to let it bounce off my head to beat the 'keeper.

Spectacular

The second was a bit more spectacular and I must admit the shot felt good when it left my boot from about 25 yards.

Before the game my father had told me to have a dig when I saw an opening. When I came through from midfield I saw the gap and decided to give the ball a belt.

I came so close to my first hat-trick in the second-half with another long range effort that slammed off the crossbar.

I'm sure there will be a sell-out 74,000 crowd for the Spanish game and it would be wonderful to send our marvellous supporters home in a happy mood again.

Paul McStay



McStay slams his second goal for Scotland against Iceland last month.



Paul Sturrock

After years in Dundee United's shadow OPPORTUNITY KNOX



Tayside derby clashes may not attract the huge audiences who are enthralled by the inter-city battles in London, Manchester, Liverpool or Glasgow... but in terms of passion they compare more than favourably.

Dens Park and Tannadice, are no more than a long goal-kick apart and over the years the pendulum of power has swung firmly towards United.

But Dundee, who have had to sit back in awe of United's success at home and in Europe in recent seasons, are now ready to challenge their neighbours for the title Tops on Tayside.

Under the guidance of former United player Archie Knox they have put a nightmare start to the campaign behind them and emerged as one of Scotland's most improved sides.

Knox lost his two best players — midfield man Cammy Fraser and striker Iain Ferguson — to Rangers under freedom of contract but has spent the £350,000 received for the pair to provide all-round reinforcement to his squad.

His line-up now bears little resemblance to that inherited from previous boss Donald Mackay last season but he had to wait several weeks for his new signings to pay dividends.

Dundee were anchored at the foot of the Premier Division without a point in four games when they crossed the road in September to tackle United. And what happened that day has the Dark Blue fans relishing the visit of The Tangerines for the return fixture.

Three times Dundee stunned United by taking the lead. But on each occasion the home side hauled themselves back into the game to pull level.

Dramatic

Then new boy John Brown, who once scored a hat-trick from the left-back position for his previous club Hamilton Accies, netted a dramatic late winner.

Manager Knox beams: "It was the way we won 4-3, rather than the victory itself, that gave me so much satisfaction. It was no fluke.

Scoring four goals at Tannadice was a tremendous boost.

"But I refuse to allow anyone to get too carried away by that performance. I'm the first to admit it

Dundee can be Tops on Tayside

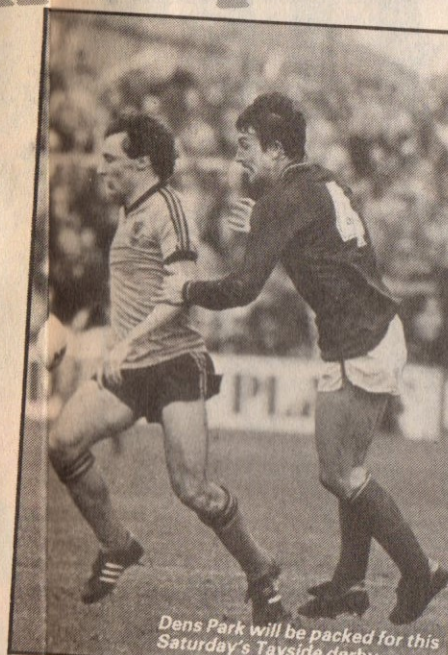
will take quite a few derby wins before we can compare ourselves with United. With their record, we still have a long way to go."

Knox is encouraged, however, by the way his new signings have settled in. "They have done far better than we were really entitled to expect," he says, "because it is never easy adjusting from part-time football.

"We have started to claw back at what United have achieved and obviously another win over them on our own ground would keep it going."

Over at Tannadice, however, they are after instant revenge.

International striker Paul Sturrock warns: "Our record at Dens Park is unbelievable. We've won two League Cups there and clinched the Championship there in 1983. No wonder we look upon it as our second home!"



Dens Park will be packed for this Saturday's Tayside derby.

"Dundee had a tremendous will to win against us in September and knocked us out of our stride. At the same time, I think we went out over-confident of winning and suffered for it.

"There will be no repeat this time. Our League form has been disappointing, in any case, and we simply can't afford to drop any more points."

The Tannadice star looks forward to derby day and adds: "The whole place is buzzing. For 90 minutes it's a case of all or nothing as far as the fans are concerned and the players can feel the pressure.

"From my own point of view I want to see both clubs doing well. It would be great, for example, if we were both in Europe. But obviously United need to be the number one team on Tayside.

"I'd like to see Dundee finish as League runners-up and beaten in the Scottish Cup Final — by United of course!"



Archie Knox has masterminded the Dundee revival and expects his side to continue their improvement.

Compiled by
John Hamon

PIT your wits against our quiz master and his stopwatch. Beat the time limit on each section — and check your rating. Genius — 5 out of 5; Excellent — 4 out of 5; Good — 3 out of 5.

Penalty Kings

Which one of the following players is not the recognised penalty-taker for his club?

Gordon Strachan (Man. United), Paul Mariner (Arsenal), John Deehan (right, Norwich City) or Steve Lynex (Leicester City).



2 mins

Beat the clock

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Peter ----- was recently transferred from ----- to Coventry City for £65,000. This former West Bromwich Albion and ----- international began his career with -----.

3 mins

WEMBLEY WINNERS

2 mins

The following players all scored winning goals in F.A. Cup Finals. Their opponents are in brackets... for which clubs were they playing?

1. Alan Sunderland (v Man. United)
2. Ian Porterfield (v Leeds United)
3. Roger Osborne (v Arsenal)
4. Jimmy Greenhoff (v Liverpool)

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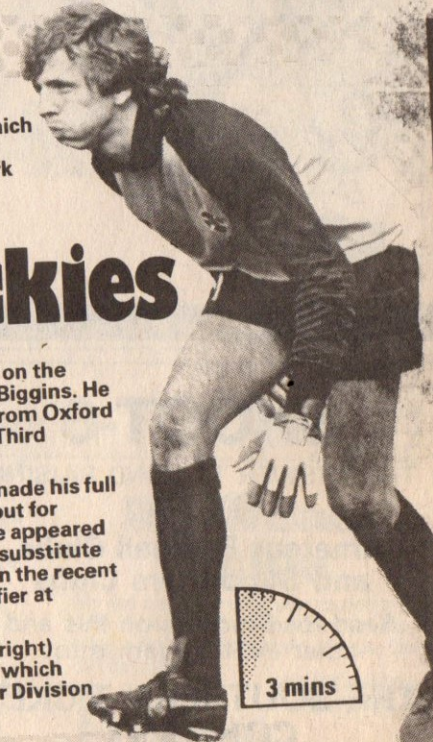


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1. Queens Park Rangers signed which two players from Stoke City and York City in the same week?

Quickies

2. Another player on the move was Steve Biggins. He was transferred from Oxford United to which Third Division club?
3. Which player made his full international debut for England when he appeared as a second-half substitute against Finland in the recent World Cup qualifier at Wembley?
4. Henry Smith (right) plays in goal for which Scottish Premier Division club?



3 mins

ANSWERS ON PAGE

Newcastle v Chelsea it's a . . .

Thriller!

predict David McCreery and Kerry Dixon

WHEN Newcastle United and Chelsea last met at St James' Park a hard-fought promotion battle ended in a 1-1 draw.

Now, with both teams fighting to establish themselves in the First Division, Saturday's clash on Tyneside promises to be another nail-biting affair.

David McCreery, United's non-stop midfielder, is in no doubt about the pattern the game will follow. "It will be very tense with no holds barred," he says. "We've proved we can battle and so have Chelsea.

It's impossible to predict the result.

"Pat Nevin gave us a lot of trouble last time, and no doubt will be out to do so again. Chelsea are a very strong side and it took a late equaliser from Terry McDermott to save us last March.

"But Jack Charlton has brought new ideas to the team and lately we've scored freely without conceding so many goals.

'Defeat'

"After a great start to the season we went down badly against Manchester United. But we have learned from that defeat and settled down nicely in the First Division. John Anderson has done well since coming into the middle of the back-four alongside Glenn Roeder. "With both teams ambitious and looking to improve, the fans can expect to see a thrilling game."

Kerry Dixon, whose goalscoring ability last term with Chelsea gained him a coveted SHOOT adidas Golden Shoe award, is in no way overawed by his team's task at emotion-charged St James' Park. He says: "We aren't going there to defend and play it safe. We want all three points and an early goal could spark off a high-scoring game. "Newcastle have two great forwards in Chris Waddle and Peter Beardsley. But we won't make any special plans to contain them — our defence is well equipped to deal with class strikers.

"We've got to prevent them getting on top at any period of the match — if they do that, they could murder us.

"This should be an occasion to remember. All the ingredients are there for a first-class game, with both sides positive in their approach. And whoever wins the points will have earned them!"

KERRY
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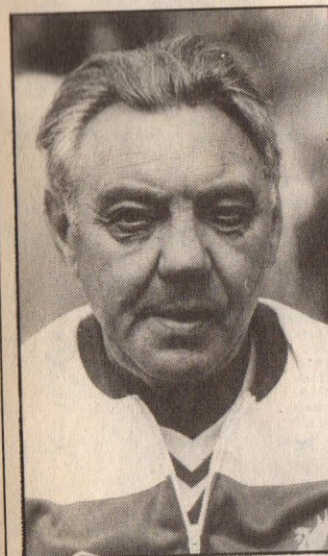
How dare the Italians claim the credit for the international performances of Mark Hateley and Ray Wilkins. They were good players before they ever left England.

JONATHAN WILKINS,
DORKING, SURREY.



OK, so Wilkins had enjoyed a superb season before he left Manchester United for AC Milan. But Hateley has been brought on tremendously by the Italians. He wouldn't have achieved half of what he has done this season if he'd still been in the Second Division with Portsmouth. Hateley himself would be the first to confirm this.

Wally of the week



Joe Fagan (above) should resign as Liverpool boss before he ruins a great team. His signings have all been poor ones and one look at their League position proves how badly he is running the team.

EHSAN RIAAZ DILMAHOMED,
PORT-LOUIS, MAURITIUS.



Even by Liverpool's standards, last season's achievement of three top trophies was something special. You can't write off a boss because of a bad start to the season, especially one who contributed so much to the success of Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley. Actually, I'm not at all bothered by Liverpool's poor spell — it's about time they had one! I still reckon they'll be up among the honours by the end of the season.

JUST JIM

This week's Star
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from Terry
Spillane of
Launcelot Road,
Bromley in Kent.

Arsenal aren't strong enough!

TO WIN the League Championship you need strength in depth and that's why I confidently predict that Arsenal will not stay at the top of the table. Their squad isn't strong enough.



What is even more important than strength in depth is an injury-free season, and that's something for which you can never legislate. Liverpool struggled without Ian Rush and Manchester United can't do without Bryan Robson. If you rely so much on key players, it really doesn't matter how good your back-up squad is. Arsenal won't be able to cope if they lose Mariner and Woodcock at the same time. But if The Gunners can avoid the knocks, they'll be up there challenging.

You're a coward!

After Rotherham manager George Kerr had bravely spoken out against the mindless racist thugs in On The Ball, I thought your sit-on-the-fence remarks were typical of a sport too ready to ignore colour prejudice. Dare you print this letter?

REG MOORE,
BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.



Listen, mate, I never set on the fence, but I feel this whole question is being blown out of all proportion. I have never condoned racial prejudice, nor will I. But black players have got to realise they're not the only ones to take stick from the crowd. I wasn't exactly the most popular man in the world when I played in front of 120,000 Scotsmen at Hampden Park. Any player who can't take abuse from the crowd shouldn't be in the game.

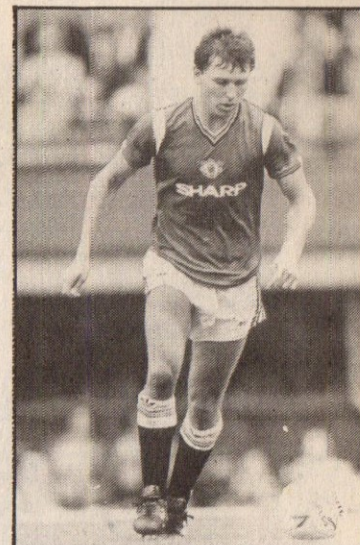
My dream tackle

My dad claims he once saw you winning a 50-50 tackle with Norman Hunter while playing for West Ham against Leeds. Can this be true?



DAVE SMITH,
SHEFFIELD.

That's incredible. I've had exactly the same dream!



Red tops

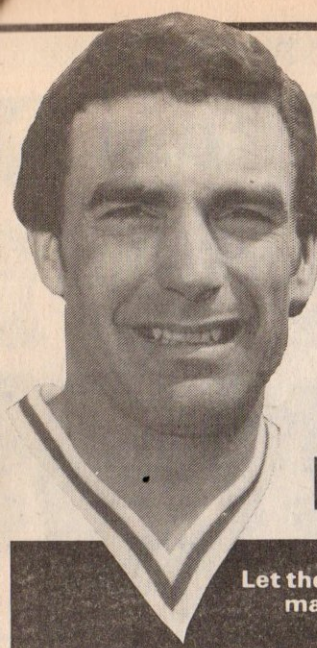
I'm sick of people calling Manchester United a one-man team. Even without Bryan Robson they're still the best in the country.

STUART CAMPBELL,
BELFAST.



Even with Robson they took a right pasting at Everton. But when he missed the game at Villa, United were beaten 3-0. It's a poor reflection that one man should have so much influence on such an expensive side, but that's the way it is. As the new players settle in perhaps they won't rely on Robson so much, but at the moment he's the outstanding player in the country and any team would miss him.





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Curling corners

JOHN BARNES had a good game for England against Finland, but at times his corner-kicks let him down.

His crosses tended to hang in the air, making it easy for defenders to clear the ball.

Once or twice John dropped a corner short. It's not ideal, but better than to hit the ball accurately but too softly.

His short crosses created more problems for the opposition.

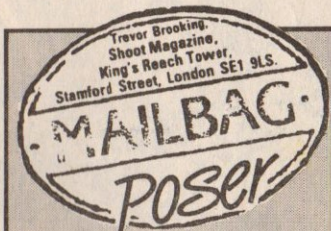
I took the corner-kicks for West Ham and England and always tried to whip the ball towards the near post, making sure it was six inches to a foot above head height to enable our attackers to get a touch.

Apart from the kicker perfecting his crosses, you need players on the receiving end with the courage to challenge for the ball, get a

header in at goal or a touch on to a team-mate.

Quite often it's the second header that baffles defenders most.

For England I always looked for the head of Terry Butcher, who was a good target to aim for at the near post.



Gerald Cox of Phoenix Lodge Mansions, Brook Green, Hammersmith, London W6 writes: "Last season I played so well I was made captain."

"But this season I've lost form completely. Should I ask to be relieved of the captaincy?"

IF you really feel the extra responsibility of being captain has affected your form, I would step down, Gerald.

But remember all players go through a period of loss of form and you might be looking for excuses.

Keep playing for a while before making the decision. If you suddenly start playing well again you could regret giving up the job.

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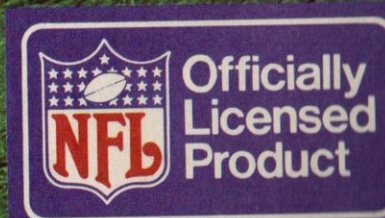
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Face to face- Man. United team-mates Frank Stapleton and Jesper Olsen



DENMARK v
REP. OF IRELAND

THE Republic of Ireland's dreadful away record again threatens to scupper their World Cup dream. Boosted by a tremendous 1-0 Dublin win over mighty Russia in their opening Group Six fixture, Ireland travelled to Oslo for what

should have been an opportunity to build a powerful base for qualification.

But once again they flopped away from home, losing a scrappy game 1-0 to moderate Norway.

With only three World Cup wins away from home in 50 years, Ireland know they must now produce a performance of real quality in Copenhagen on Wednesday against high-flying Denmark ... or fall behind in the race for Mexico.

Manager Eoin Hand must take a share of the blame for dropping Micky Walsh, whose goal sank Russia, in

favour of Manchester United striker Frank Stapleton who, by his own admission, lacked sharpness.

"I missed the start of the season with a knee injury and had played only one game, a Milk Cup-tie against Burnley, before playing in Oslo," said Frank. "But that's not sufficient excuse for the way we failed."

'Problem'

"I don't know why we are such poor travellers. We cannot put our finger on the problem. Just look at the quality of the side — yet we keep slipping up."

"We have not lost a competitive game in Dublin for 12 years because we play with a cavalier style and respond to our incredible fans."

"But once we leave Irish soil we freeze up and splutter through poor performances."

"But it's a bit early to start writing us off, for heaven's sake! We have six games left — the first this week in Denmark, a place I remember with great pleasure."

"We drew 3-3 there in a European Championship match back in 1978 and I scored."

"By the way, they lost 1-0 in Switzerland the night we lost in Norway. So nobody's actually romping away in this group just yet — certainly not Russia!"

"This will be my 40th cap if selected, and I'll go out as skipper. It's 12 months since I scored for Ireland so perhaps I can end that run in what will be a very important game for us."

"We have the players, but our fate will be decided by how well we cope with our remaining away games."

Freeze-up fear



Frank Stapleton (left) and Jesper Olsen (light shirt, right) will forget their Manchester United friendship when the Republic of Ireland travel to Denmark.



Jesper Olsen, Manchester United's dazzling little Dane, is not looking forward to playing against Frank Stapleton in Copenhagen! "It is very good to line up alongside Frank for United,"

says Olsen, "but facing him in a World Cup-tie of this importance is another matter."

Team-mates at Old Trafford, the big Republic of Ireland striker and the slightly-built Danish will-o-the-wisp will be enemies for 90 minutes on Wednesday night.

"Frank is the type of forward who can turn a game because he has the ability in both head and feet. He is brave, strong, makes and takes chances and leads a forward line with great intelligence."

"He has missed a lot of games through injury this season, but now he has a few under his belt and he is getting sharper by the day."

"Denmark and Ireland both travel badly — our game in Switzerland was a mirror of Ireland's in Oslo. We both had the edge, both had lots of the ball, both failed to penetrate and both lost by a goal scored just before half-time!"

"A draw is useless for both of us now. We must win our home games above all else and they have a terrible away record which they must end before it becomes a big thing mentally — a block to their hopes of Mexico."

"But having said that, Russia's poor start could give both of us the chance to qualify. Frank and I would travel well to South America. Maybe we will be able to joke about that ... after this particular international!"

I missed against West Ham. I missed against Nottingham Forest. And I missed against Leicester. But I haven't given up taking penalties for Arsenal!

Because although I've currently lost the job of spot-kicker to Brian Talbot, I'd still be willing to step forward if Noddy doesn't fancy his chances.

Hopefully that situation will never arise, because as long as he's tucking them away I'm quite happy to be out of a job.

The same goes for Tony Woodcock, who scored one spot-kick against Stoke but failed with his next against Bristol Rovers in the Milk Cup.

Not that I've missed every penalty I've ever taken for Arsenal! I scored five times from the spot last season and also put one away against Everton last month.

Nor am I the only player in the First Division this season to have missed out.

For instance, on the same day as my effort against Leicester was saved by Mark Wallington, Everton's Adrian Heath, Eric Gates of Ipswich and Coventry's Kenny Hibbitt also failed. And even Sheffield Wednesday's Mel Sterland, who's one of the best penalty men in the business, had one saved at Coventry the other week.

Struck

The reason why so many penalties are being missed has got to be because 'keepers are getting away with moving before the ball is struck.

Not that I can really blame them. Unless they go early, a 'keeper has got absolutely no chance.

So it's up to referees to crack down on this offence, because it's now getting to the stage where the odds at a penalty are almost in a 'keeper's favour.

I certainly believe the time has come for me to change my technique.

I've always tried to place my spot-kicks just inside the post, but with 'keepers now moving so early they're almost certain to save if they guess the right way.

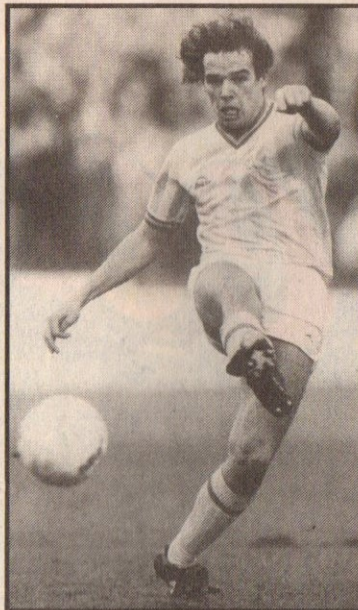
So maybe I should just try to blast the ball as hard as possible, in the same manner as West Ham's Ray Stewart.

Both Phil Parkes and Mark Wallington moved early when they saved my

PENALTY CLOWNS

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'I blame refs'



Even penalty king Mel Sterland (right) missed from the spot a couple of weeks ago.

penalties, and both were able to push the ball against the post and snap up the rebound.

Of the two, Wallington's was the better save. I'd hit what I thought was the perfect penalty, whereas against West Ham I didn't strike the ball quite hard enough and just a little too high.

My miss against Nottingham Forest was the only time I've completely missed the target. It was so wide it was almost unbelievable!

There's terrible pressure on someone

West Ham 'keeper Phil Parkes saves my penalty last season — my first miss for Arsenal.

MISS
7th May v
West Ham

MISS
29th August v
Forest

MISS
13th October v
Leicester

taking a penalty. Can you imagine playing at somewhere like Old Trafford or Anfield with only a couple of minutes to go and 50,000 fans urging you to miss.

It's the worst feeling in the world, and suddenly the goalkeeper looks about eight feet tall and six feet wide!

That's just how I felt when I took my very first spot-kick, for Celtic against Airdrie.

Shouting

It was only my fourth game for the club, and we were losing 1-0 at Parkhead with five minutes to go. We were awarded a penalty and the next thing I knew was that everyone was shouting at me to take it.

Luckily, I scored. And in four years of taking penalties for Celtic I only failed twice.

I'd love to take a penalty for Scotland against Spain at Hampden Park next Wednesday. But then again, I'd just love to be playing!

My last three international caps have all been won as a substitute, and it's 17 months since I last started a game for my country.

But after two great results against Yugoslavia and Iceland, I expect Jock Stein will stick with the same team.

I'll just be happy to be part of the squad and hope I can get a chance to do my stuff at some stage of the game.

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West Ham 'keeper Phil Parkes saves my penalty last season — my first miss for Arsenal.

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taking a penalty. Can you imagine playing at somewhere like Old Trafford or Anfield with only a couple of minutes to go and 50,000 fans urging you to miss.

It's the worst feeling in the world, and suddenly the goalkeeper looks about eight feet tall and six feet wide!

That's just how I felt when I took my very first spot-kick, for Celtic against Airdrie.

Shouting

It was only my fourth game for the club, and we were losing 1-0 at Parkhead with five minutes to go. We were awarded a penalty and the next thing I knew was that everyone was shouting at me to take it.

Luckily, I scored. And in four years of taking penalties for Celtic I only failed twice.

I'd love to take a penalty for Scotland against Spain at Hampden Park next Wednesday. But then again, I'd just love to be playing!

My last three international caps have all been won as a substitute, and it's 17 months since I last started a game for my country.

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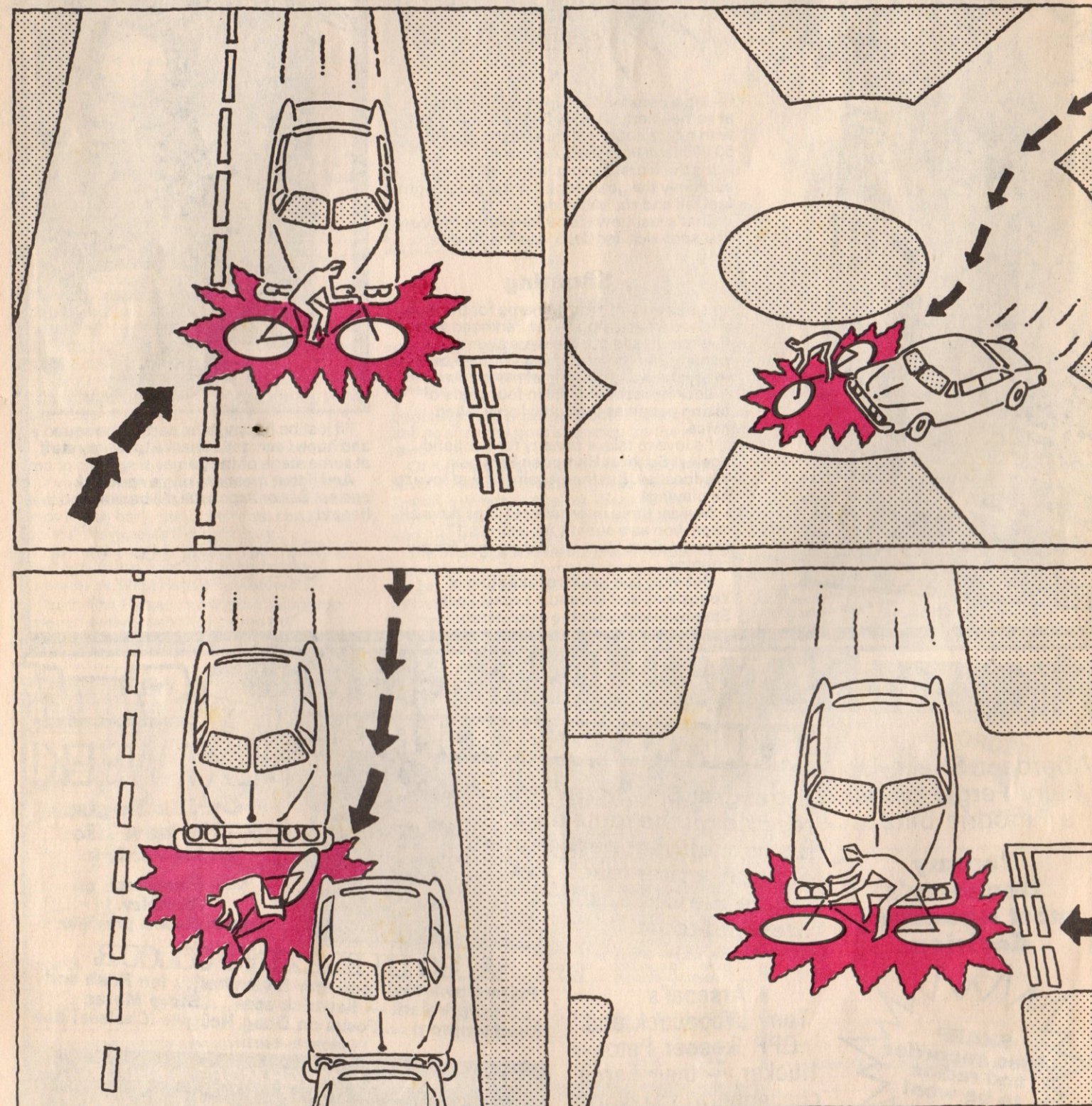
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"So anyone who thinks

Wednesday's fast style will fail at making a danger know how they reckon we are in 90 minutes."

Warrington-born, 24, began his career at Coventry City in 1980 and signed a three-year contract for Wednesday after three goal appearances — Under 21 honours snapped up by 1980 and signed a contract for Wednesday.

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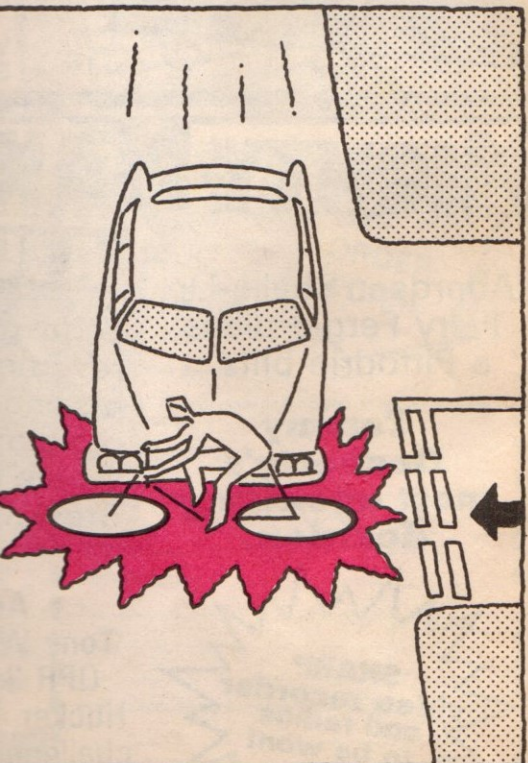
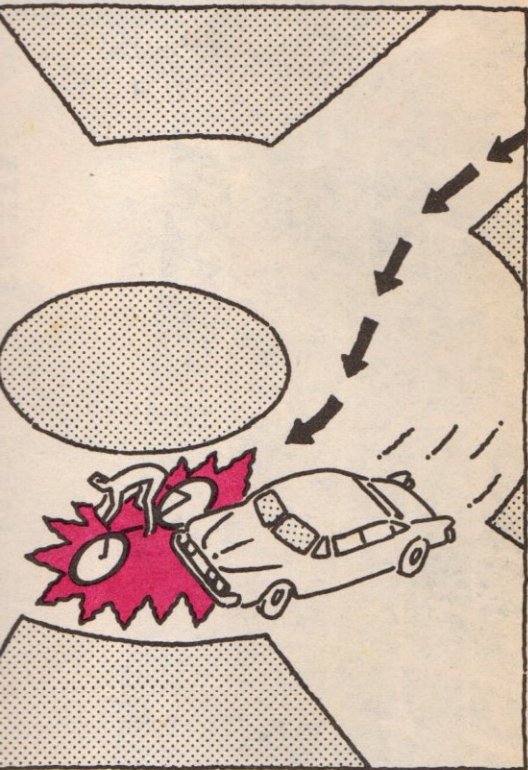
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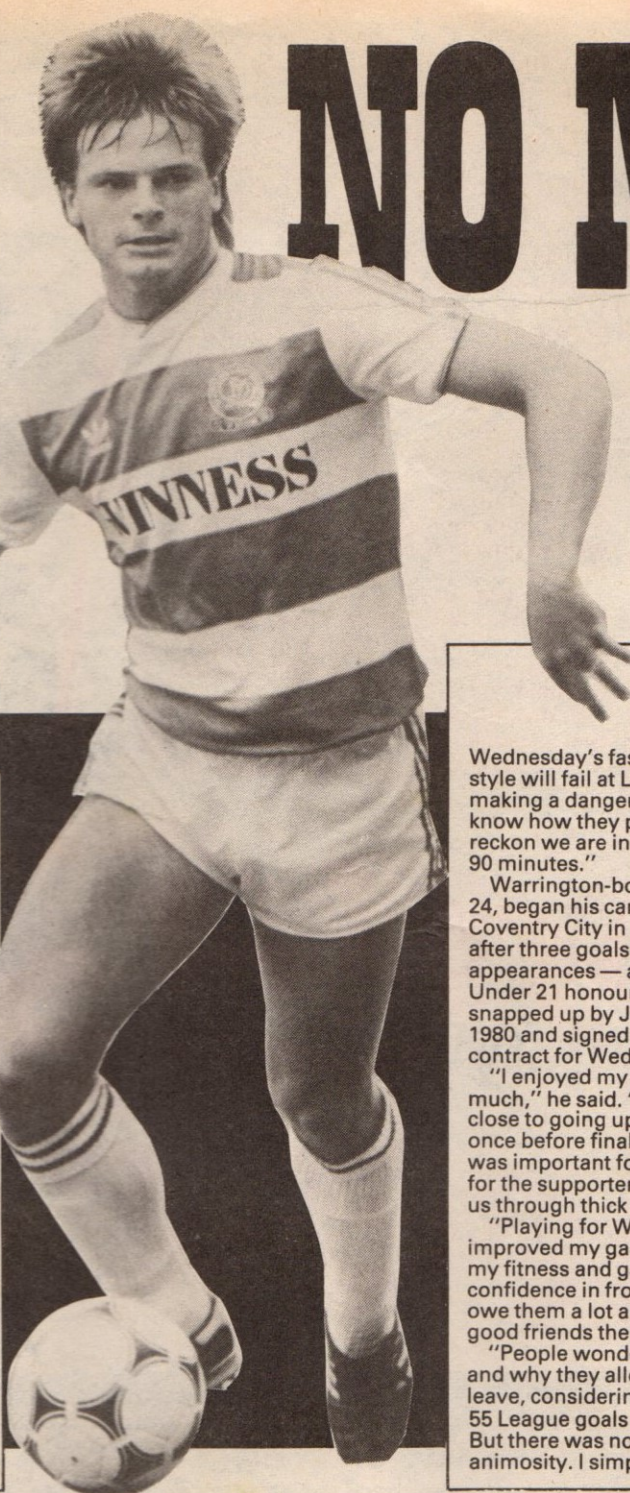
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Wednesday's fast and direct style will fail at Loftus Road is making a dangerous mistake. I know how they play and I reckon we are in for a cracking 90 minutes."

Warrington-born Bannister, 24, began his career with Coventry City in May, 1978, but after three goals in 22 appearances — and England Under 21 honours — he was snapped up by Jack Charlton in 1980 and signed a three-year contract for Wednesday.

"I enjoyed my time there very much," he said. "We came close to going up more than once before finally cracking it. It was important for the city and for the supporters who followed us through thick and thin."

"Playing for Wednesday improved my game, sharpened my fitness and gave me great confidence in front of goal. I owe them a lot and I have many good friends there."

"People wonder why I left, and why they allowed me to leave, considering my record of 55 League goals in 118 games. But there was no argument, no animosity. I simply decided

NO MERCY

that, with my contract expired, it was time for a change.

"The first thing I noticed was the difference in playing style. At Wednesday it was very much an all-round team effort, everyone grafting and sharing roles. Forwards defended, defenders attacked, we'd all get behind the ball in a crisis and defy the opposition to break us down."

"Rangers play it more slowly and tend to create scoring chances for the strikers to accept. It's more clear cut in terms of specific roles. Not that we work any less, but I have more time to concentrate on out-and-out goalscoring now."

And scoring is Bannister's speciality. His consistency in League, Milk Cup and UEFA Cup brought him 14 goals in his first 16 games for Rangers!

Excellent

Bannister believes Wednesday's excellent start must not be underestimated and warns that they could go all the way to the top.

"You don't win at places like Anfield in the style Wednesday achieved by being short-term successes. I feel convinced they will be challenging for a place in Europe and we've got to beat them to it."

"I'll be having a quiet word with Alan Mullery just in case there's any hints I can give for our preparation. But then I can expect little room or mercy from former mates such as Mike Lyons, Mark Smith or Mel Sterland."

"I reckon I'm in for a day to remember."

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Finland's hard-pressed defence could be in for another tough time.



WHEN Finland visit Windsor Park, Belfast on Wednesday (14th November), they can expect a backlash from Northern Ireland. That's the prediction from striker Billy Hamilton who, like his team-mates, is still feeling the shock of the 1-0 defeat by the Finns in Pori last May.

"I just can't explain it. It was a disaster for us. We didn't play at all and paid the price," says the Oxford United striker.

But Hamilton, one of Northern Ireland's World Cup heroes in Spain two years ago, believes that Finland can expect nothing like the easy ride they got when the two sides met for the first time.

"We are even more determined to win and win well this time around. I predicted that England would score four or five against Finland and I think we can give them the same treatment this time."

"Any pride that took a blow in Finland was restored when we beat Rumania 3-2 in Belfast, and now the team spirit is as good as when we went to Spain."

Returning to Windsor Park is a special pleasure for the Oxford United striker, for it was here that he began his



Hamilton scores a memorable goal against Austria during Northern Ireland's successful run in the 1982 World Cup Finals.

'We'll make Mexico'
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career with Linfield.

"It's a happy hunting ground for us," he says. "The support is always good, and after playing in one World Cup Finals, I'm determined to make it for a second."

One concern, however, is that after their 5-0 drubbing at Wembley last month, Finland could come to Belfast and put a blockade in front of goal.

"They got a buzz out of beating us, but after their defeat by England, they'll have five or six men back to try and stop us."

That could prove a problem for the big, bearded striker who can't seem to find his scoring form for his country.

Striker

Since moving from Burnley to Oxford in August, the striker has been a hit with the Second Division club.

Yet he hasn't scored a goal for Northern Ireland for more than a year, his last coming against Austria in September, 1983.

"It's terrible, I know. I don't really know why I'm not scoring goals for my country. It's maybe because I play a bit deeper for Northern Ireland than I do

for Oxford, and there are not as many chances created in international football. But that's no excuse, and I'm hoping that I can put the record straight when Finland come to Belfast."

Hamilton was one of a group of experienced players left out for the friendly against Israel, a match Ireland won 3-0. But he's not complaining.

"It's got to be a good thing for Northern Ireland. It was a good move on the manager's part and the victory showed that we have a lot of capable youngsters coming through.

"Playing in Spain was an experience of a lifetime. The lads couldn't believe how well we did and they want to enjoy that kind of experience again.

"With youngsters such as Steve Penney, Nigel Worthington, Paul Ramsey and Jimmy Quinn coming through, the future has got to look good."

What, then, of Northern Ireland's hopes for Mexico?

"It's a three-horse race between ourselves, England and Rumania. If we can win all our home games then I fancy ourselves for another trip to the World Cup Finals."

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Norman Whiteside scores against Rumania in September to set up a valuable World Cup victory.

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MARK SMITH

Sheffield Wednesday

Previous clubs: None. I've been at Wednesday since I left school.

Team you supported as a boy: Sheffield Wednesday.

Football hero of childhood: Even though I followed Wednesday, the Leeds defender Norman Hunter was my favourite player.

Favourite current player: Liverpool's Mark Lawrenson. He always looks so cool and is equally at home in defence or midfield — the complete player.

Full name: Mark Craig Smith.

Birthplace and date: I was born in Sheffield on March 21, 1960.

Height and weight: Six foot. 13st. 3lbs.

Married: To Kim. Our first child is due on January 17, 1985.

Home: A two bedroomed detached cottage on the outskirts of Sheffield.

Car: Fiat Regata S.

Nickname: Like everyone called Smith, I've been nicknamed 'Smudger'.

Superstitions: There's not enough space to list them all!

International honours: Six England Under-21 caps.

Club honours: Promotion from the Third Division in 1980 and from the Second Division in 1984.

Favourite other sports: Tennis and athletics. Most of the summer I was glued to the TV watching Wimbledon and the Olympics.

Favourite other sports person:

Wimbledon winner John McEnroe.

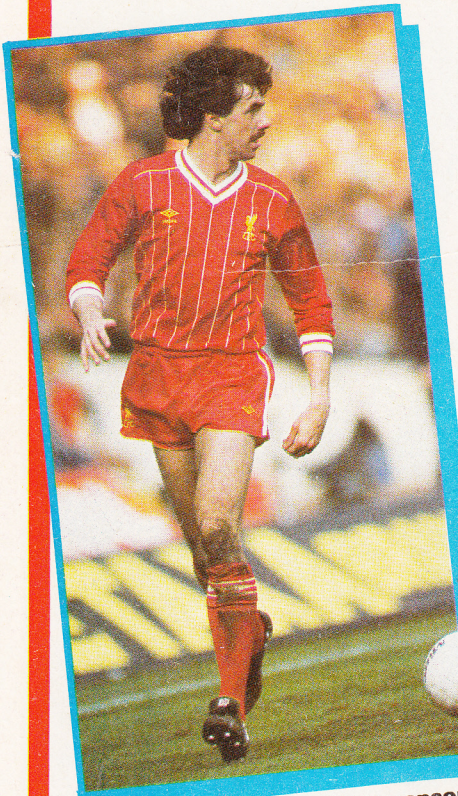
Hobbies: Collecting antiques.

Favourite actor and actress: Dustin Hoffman and Faye Dunaway.

Ambitions for 1984-85: To win something with Wednesday.

Long-term ambitions: To play in the next World Cup Finals with England and to gain security for my family.

Mark Smith



Mark Lawrenson

Most memorable match: Beating Sheffield United 4-0 at Hillsborough on Boxing Day, 1979. Even though it was a Third Division game, there were more than 49,000 there that day. I scored our last goal from the penalty spot.

Biggest disappointment: Missing last season's promotion run-in because of injury.

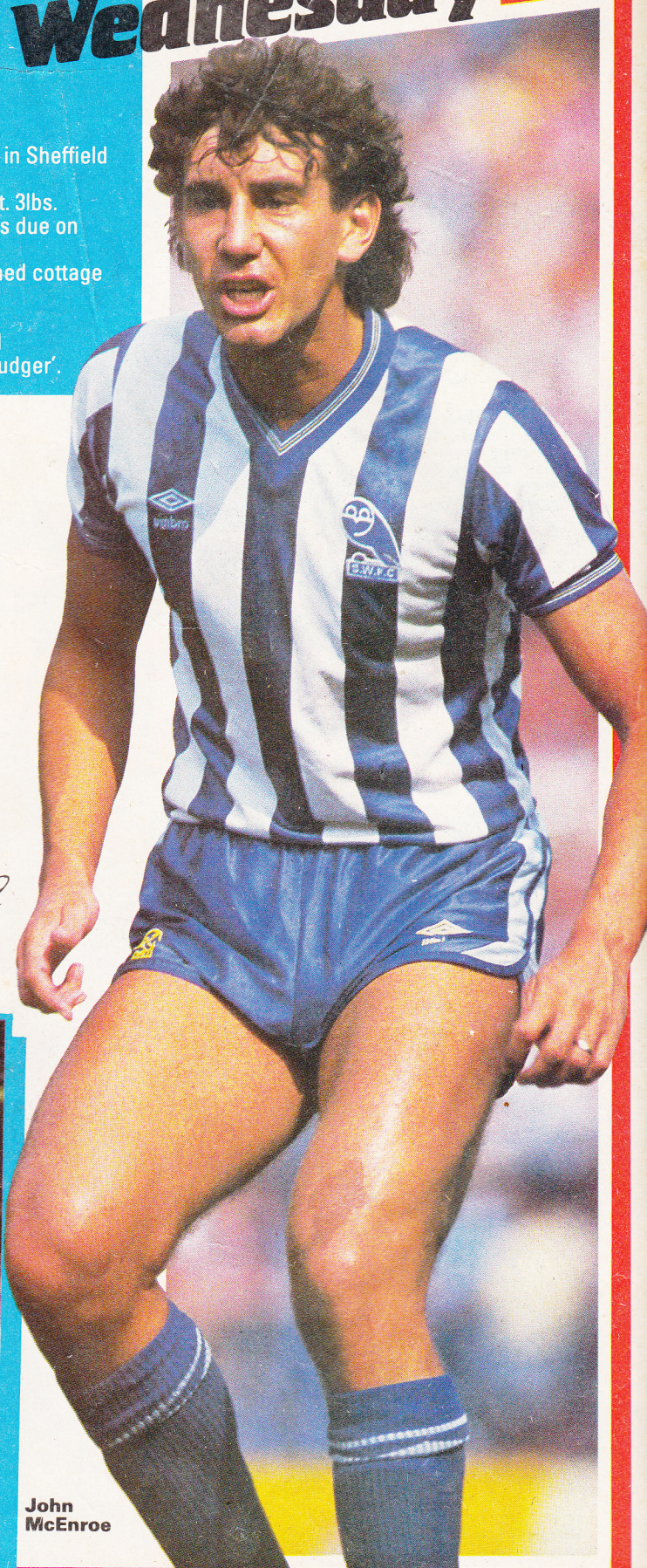
Favourite TV show: Only Fools and Horses.

Favourite musician: George Benson.

Biggest influence on career: My dad, who taught me never to settle for second best.



John McEnroe



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